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Alex Machaskee Named Trustee of The Cleveland Museum of Art

CLEVELAND, OH (April 7, 2004) — The Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) Director Katharine Lee Reid announced today the appointment of Plain Dealer Publisher, President and CEO Alex Machaskee to the Museum's board of trustees.

"The addition of Alex Machaskee to our board complements the talent and expertise already found amongst our current board members," said Reid. "His respect for the cultural life of our community grows from personal engagement. He and his family are loyal supporters of the Museum and our city."

"I am honored to become a part of The Cleveland Museum of Art's Board of Trustees at one of the most exciting periods in its history," Machaskee said. "This institution upholds the highest standards of artistic excellence and is central to the growth and viability of our community, the Northeast Ohio region and the advancement of the arts nationally and internationally."

Born in Warren, Ohio, Machaskee worked as a sports reporter and general assignment reporter for the Warren Tribune prior to joining *The Plain Dealer* in 1960. After serving as vice president and general manager, Machaskee was appointed publisher of the newspaper, Ohio's largest, in 1990.

The recipient of numerous awards, Machaskee's commitment and leadership in the Greater Cleveland community has been demonstrated throughout his career. Most recently, he was honored by the Greater Cleveland Urban League with the Whitney M. Young Humanitarian Award. In addition, Machaskee has been named the International Business Executive of the Year by The World Trade Center Cleveland, and the Nonprofit Board Executive of the Year by *Inside Business* magazine. He also was inducted into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame in 2001.

Machaskee's service to the community is exemplary and is evident in the numerous commitments he maintains with local organizations. He has served as Chairman of the Board of United Way Services for 2002-03 and Chairman of the 2000-01 United Way Campaign. He is currently a lifetime director of the United Way Services. He also serves on the board of the Cleveland Foundation, Leadership Cleveland, University Circle Inc., The Great Lakes Science Center, Greater Cleveland Partnership and the Urban League of Greater Cleveland.

An accomplished musician, Machaskee is an advocate of the performing arts and currently serves as Vice President of the Musical Arts Association of the Cleveland Orchestra. In addition, he is a member of The Museum Council of The Cleveland Museum of Art and is a board member of the Ohio Arts Council.

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Machaskee is a graduate of Cleveland State University (CSU) where he received a BA in Marketing. In 1995 he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from CSU and again in 1998 from the University of Akron. He and his wife, Carol, live in Beachwood, Ohio.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a pivotal international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the Museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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